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FOR YOUR INFO AND PASS ASST. SECRETARY TREASURY PARSKY:

1. FULL ARABIC TEXT JOINT COMMUNIQUE SECOND MEETING U.S.-SAUDI ARABIAN JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION CARRIED AL-BILAAD DAILY MARCH 16, TAKING UP ENTIRE PAGE FIVE, ACCOMPANIED BY PHOTO.

2. UKAAZ DAILY SAME DAY CARRIED MOST PORTIONS OF COMMUNIQUE, UNDER SMALL FRONT PAGE HEADLINE "THE SAUDI VIEWPOINT ON THE ARAB BOYCOTT AGAINST ISRAEL" WITH REMAINDER ARTICLE INSIDE. UKAAZ ARTICLE BEGAN WITH QUOTE "THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE FOR SAUDI-AMERICAN COOPERATION CONFIRMED THE KINGDOM'S ATTITUDE IN REGARD TO THE ARAB LEAGUE BOYCOTT IMPOSED ON ISRAEL. THE SAUDI DELEGATION CONFIRMED THAT THIS BOYCOTT IS A LOGICAL ECONOMIC MEASURE DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST." THIS LEAD-IN FOLLOWED BY EXTRACTS FROM JOINT COMMUNIQUE DETAILING THE CONTENTS OF THE AGREEMENTS AND UNDERSTANDINGS REACHED BY BOTH SIDES DURING THE SESSION.

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3. RE BOYCOTT SECTION OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE, COMPLETE
TEXT THIS PORTION CARRIED AL-BILAAD. FOLLOWING PORTION
NOT REPEAT NOT INCLUDED UKAAZ EXTRACT: QUOTE THE
SAUDI SIDE FURTHER EXPRESSED ITS HOPE THAT THE EXISTING
AND POTENTIAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO
COUNTRIES WILL NOT BE DISRUPTED BY ANY MISINTERPRETATION
OF THE ARAB BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL. THE AMERICAN SIDE WAS
PLEASED WITH THE REAFFIRMATION OF THIS POLICY OF NOT
DISCRIMINATING ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION,
SEX AND NATIONAL ORIGIN UNQUOTE.
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